REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant's invention is recited in the claims submitted in t he application.

In order to minimize filing fees, the present preliminary amendment is provided to eliminate multiple dependency of the claims. Accordingly, claim 7 is amended to delete dependence on claims 5 and 6, and new claims 11-12 are provided instead. Each of claims 11 and 12 repeats the recitation of claim 7, with respective dependence on claims 5 and 6.
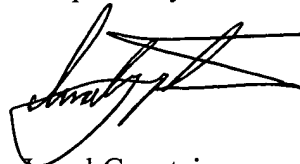
Similarly, claim 9 is amended to delete dependence on claims 5 and 6, and new claims 13-14 are provided instead. Each of claims 13 and 14 repeats the recitation of claim 9, with respective dependence on claims 5 and 6.

Finally, claim 10 is amended to delete dependence on claims 5 and 6, and new claims 15-16 are provided instead. Each of claims 15 and 16 repeats the recitation of claim 10, with respective dependence on claims 5 and 6.

Accordingly, multiple dependency has been eliminated thus reducing the computation of the filing fee.

Applicant's Declaration and Power of Attorney, along with an Assignment of the application and a copy of the certified priority document, will be filed in due course.

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